

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

July 21, 1994

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) AC 94-34
) (IEPA No. 293-94-AC)
) (Administrative Citation)
CITY OF FREEPORT,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD:

This matter comes before the Board upon the June 9, 1994 filing of an administrative citation pursuant to Section 31.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency). A copy of that administrative citation is attached hereto, but will not be printed in the Board's opinion volumes. Service of the administrative citation was made upon City of Freeport on June 8, 1994. The Agency alleges that on April 20, 1994, the City of Freeport, present owner and/or operator of a facility located in Stephenson County and commonly known to the Agency as Freeport Muni #4, violated Section 21(o)(5) the Act. The statutory penalty established for each violation is \$500.00 pursuant to Section 42(b)(4) of the Act.

The City of Freeport has not filed a petition for review with the Clerk of the Board within 35 days of the date of service as allowed by Section 31.1(d)(2) of the Act. Therefore, pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1), the Board finds that the City of Freeport has violated the provisions alleged in the administrative citation. Since there is one (1) such violation, the total penalty to be imposed is \$500.00.

1. It is hereby ordered that, unless the penalty has already been paid, within 30 days of the date of this Order the City of Freeport Company shall, by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund, pay a penalty in the amount of \$500.00, which is to be sent to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
2200 Churchill Road, P. O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

2. Respondent shall include the remittance form and write the case name and number and its social security or federal

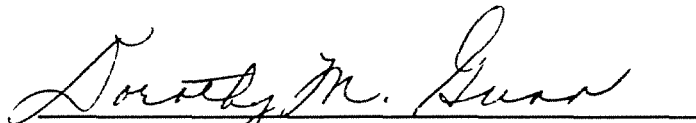
Employer Identification Number on the certified check or money order.

3. Penalties unpaid after the due date shall accrue interest pursuant to Section 42(g) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.
4. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violation continues.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act, (415 ILCS 5/41 (1992)), provides for appeal of final orders of the Board within 35 days. The Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois establish filing requirements. (See also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motions for Reconsideration.)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 21st day of July, 1994, by a vote of 6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
 Complainant,)
)
 v.) AC 94-34
) (IEPA No. 293-94-AC)
 CITY OF FREEPORT,)
)
 Respondent)

JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by 415 ILCS 5/31.1, 1992; Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, para. 1031.1.

FACTS

1. That Respondent, City of Freeport, is the present operator of a facility located in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois.
2. That said facility is operated as a sanitary landfill, operating under Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit No. 1986-10-OP, and designated with Site Code No. 1770200015. Said facility is commonly known to the Agency as Freeport Muni #4.
3. That Respondent has owned or operated said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on April 20, 1994, Katherine Geyer, of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, inspected the above-described landfill facility. A copy of the inspection report setting forth the results of such inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VIOLATIONS

On the basis of direct observation of Katherine Geyer, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondent was conducting a sanitary landfill operation at the above-described facility, which is required to have a permit pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/21(d), 1992; Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, para. 1021(d), in a manner which resulted in the following conditions:

A. That on April 20, 1994 an on-site inspection of said sanitary landfill facility and a review of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency files and records of said facility, disclosed the following:

- (1) Uncovered refuse remaining from a previous operating day, in violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(o)(5), 1992; Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, para. 1021(o)(5).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4), 1992; Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, para. 1042(b)(4), Respondent herein is subject to a civil penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each violation specified above in Paragraph A, for a total of Five Hundred Dollars. Additionally, should Respondent elect to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board under the review process described hereinbelow, and if there is a finding of the violations alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondent shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in addition to the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) statutory penalty for each finding of violation.

If you acknowledge the violations cited hereinabove, the civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than July 14, 1994.

If you do not petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of service hereof or if you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, any judgment rendered against you shall specify the due date of the statutory civil penalty and any costs assessed against you.

When payment is made, your check should be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Also, please complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form, along with your payment, to assure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty, by reason of acknowledgment, default or finding after adjudicatory hearing, is not paid when due, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall take into consideration such failure to pay during any permit review process upon your application for a new permit or for renewal of an existing permit. If any civil penalty imposed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board is not paid within the time prescribed in the order, interest on such penalty will be assessed for the period from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Furthermore, if payment is not received when due, the Office of the Illinois Attorney General shall be requested to initiate proceedings in Circuit Court to collect said civil penalty. In addition to the previously assessed civil penalty, interest, and hearing costs of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board, if any, the Attorney General's Office will seek to recover their costs of litigation.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

You have the right to contest this Administrative Citation. See 415 ILCS 5/31.1, 1992; Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, para. 1031.1. If you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, you must file a Petition for Review with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. A copy of the Petition for Review should be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Such Petition for Review must be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation, or a default judgment shall be entered by the Pollution Control Board. The Petition for Review may be filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board at the State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601; and, a copy of said Petition for Review filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, Attention: Division of Legal Counsel.

Mary A. Gade

Mary A. Gade, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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